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Following the Peiping conference¹, a new Sino-Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) mixed frontier army called the "Lien Quan Bien Canh" was organized in late July 1951. Commanded by General Nguyen Son and Chinese Communist General HO Fou, this force operates in the Thai Nguyen-Tien Yen-Gao Bang area, with headquarters at Dong Dang. The "Lien Quan Bien Canh" replaces the year-old "Trung Viet Lien Quan"², which has now been reassigned to the Lai Chau-Son La-Thanh Hoa line. Its cadre is drawn largely from the retiring unit, which is using Chinese Communist replacements already in Indochina or newly arrived from Burma.

2. The new army is not in fact mixed, but is made up entirely of Chinese Communist troops; General Nguyen Son is merely a figurehead. The bulk of its effectives have been drawn from the former 14 Division of the Yunnan Liberation Army³, plus additional troops from Kwangsi.
3. The army is made up of the 12, 32 and 61 Divisions, each reinforced by an artillery unit. It is equipped primarily with American arms, as well as some German arms and Soviet artillery pieces.
4. The army controls all of the road and river supply routes from Kwangsi into North Vietnam.

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3. Comment. Possibly the former irregular Communist forces in Yunnan commanded by CHU Chia-pi.

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